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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No.	9419
First Inventor	Nanda Christine Almond
Assignee	The Procter & Gamble Company
Title	Substantially Serpentine Shaped Tampon with Varying Density Regions
Express Mail Label No.	Eu468915966US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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- Claim(s)
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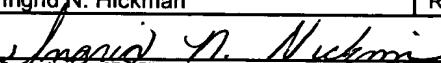
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- 9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- 10. English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 11. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449/SB08 Citations
- 12. Preliminary Amendment
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